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SUBJ: COURT ACTIVITY IN CASE OF THREE CROAT TERRORISTS

REF: USUN 2247 AND PREVIOUS

1. A HEARING TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT JULY 20, 1977 BEFORE JUDGE DAVIS REGARDING CASE OF THREE CROAT TERRORISTS. ONLY POSITIVE RESULT WAS SETTING OF TRIAL DATE IN THAT COURT OF SEPT 6, 1977.

2. DEFENDANTS' LAWYER, JAMES ST. CLAIR, PRESENTED BOND OF \$40,000 IN BEHALF OF MARIJAN BUCONJIC. DA ALAN BROOMER PETITIONED JUDGE NOT TO ACCEPT THE BOND, CITING SERIOUSNESS OF CHARGES. JUDGE DAVIS RESERVED DECISION UNTIL JULY 26.

3. ACCORDING TO BROOMER, THE PRESENTATION OF THE \$40,000 BOND FOR BUCONJIC IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MOVE TO HAVE BUCONJIC TRANSFERRED FROM RIKERS ISLAND TO THE MORE DESIRABLE FEDERAL DETENTION QUARTERS IN LOWER MANHATTAN. THIS COULD NOT RESULT IN BUCONJIC BEING RELEASED, AND HIS FEDERAL BAIL OF  
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\$100,000 REMAINS IN EFFECT REGARDLESS OF DECISION BY JUDGE DAVIS ON JULY 26. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT AT THIS HEARING TO REDUCE THE STATE COURT'S BAIL FOR BUCONJIC OR THE OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS. AS OF THIS WRITING, ALL THREE DEFENDANTS REMAIN IN PRISON ON RIKERS ISLAND.

4. THE DECISION ON WHICH TRIAL DATE WILL TAKE PREFERENCE

IS BEING DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S.  
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